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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. SHOULD ANYTHING STILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT OR FAHMY, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO GO TO RAS EL-HIKMA WITH SENATOR WILLIAM SCOTT ON EITHER AUGUST 16 OR 17. THE SENATOR ARRIVES TODAY AND WE HAVE ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. AS ALWAYS WITH SUCH REQUESTS, THE PRESIDENCY WILL NOT FIX A TIME UNTIL THE VISITOR IS ACTUALLY IN EGYPT. THUS, I WILL PROBABLY NOT HEAR UNTIL LATE TONIGHT OR TOMORROW AS TO WHEN THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE. IT WILL INVOLVE THE USUAL DRIVE TO ALEXANDRIA AND HELICOPTER FLIGHT TO RAS EL-HIKMA AND BACK.

2. FAHMY IS STILL IN ALEXANDRIA, BUT I WOULD DOUBT THAT HE WILL HIE HIS WAY TO RAS EL-HIKMA. HE CONSIDERS IT A LONG AND UNNECESSARY TRIP AND TRIES TO AVOID IT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. THIS MEANS THAT IF THERE IS SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH FAHMY, I WILL EITHER HAVE TO STAY IN ALEXANDRIA OR BRING THE SENATOR BACK TO CAIRO AND MAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA A DAY OR SO LATER.

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3. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO KNOW

IF THE SECRETARY STILL INTENDS TO HAVE ME DISCUSS THE
POLITICAL FORMULATIONS WITH FAHMY. TIME IS GETTING
SHORT AND, WITH OUR INSECURE AND UNDEPENDABLE COMMUNI-
CATIONS BETWEEN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA, MAXIMUM ADVANCE
PLANNING FOR TRIPS IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO GET TIMELY
RESPONSES.

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